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Paragraphs 1--8 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mazer in view of Weber. Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended and now includes the limitations of as filed claim 3. Based on the Examiner's comments, applicant believes that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Remaining dependent claims 2, 4-6 are also believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

New Claims

New claim 8 combines the limitations of as filed claims 1 and 4 and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. New claims 9-12 each ultimately depend from claim 8 and are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added and all references therein are fully supported within the claims and specification as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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